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NEWS RELEASE



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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 29
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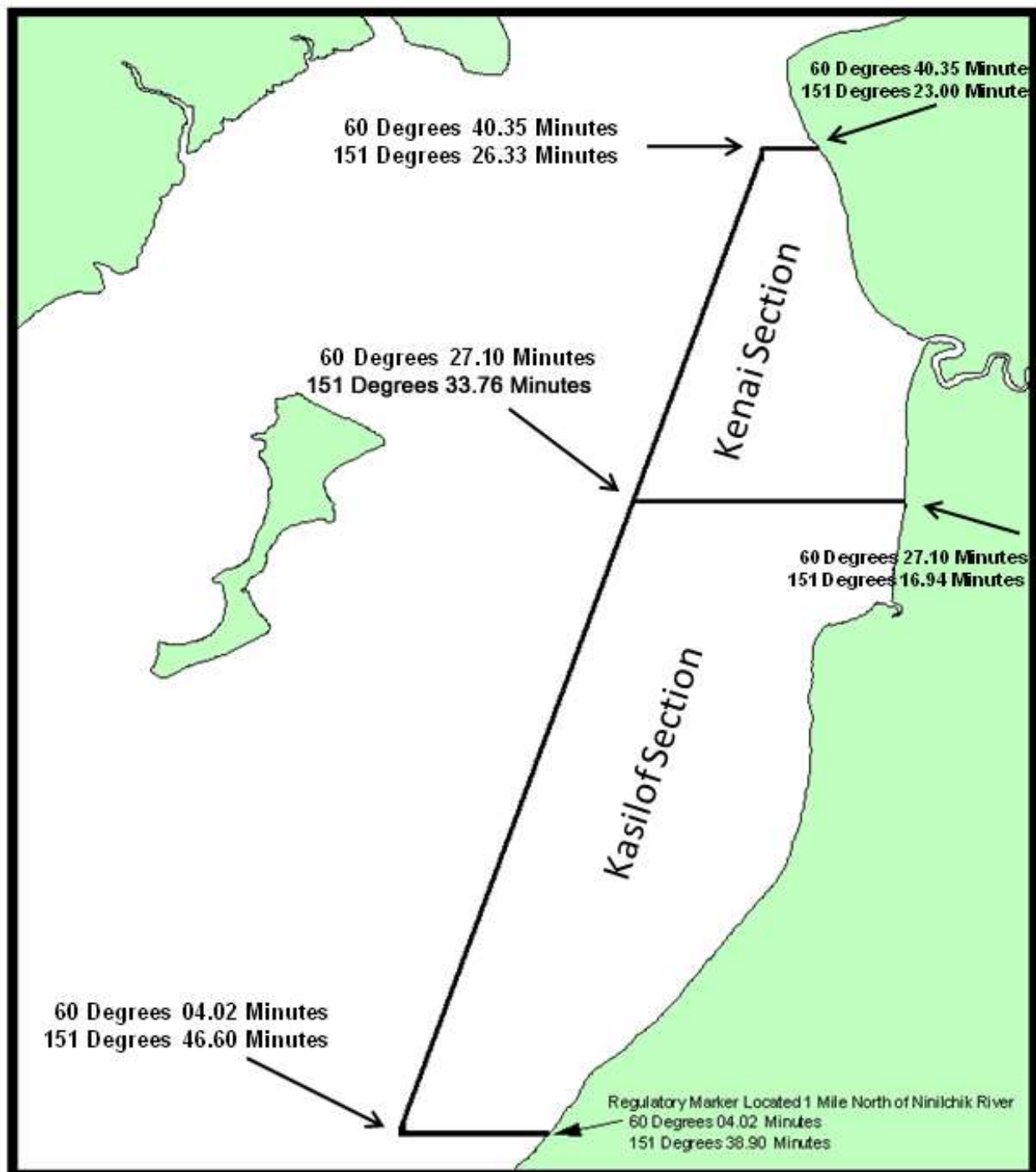
Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 29 opens drift gillnetting in Drift Gillnet Area 1 and Drift Gillnet Area 2 and in the Expanded Kenai and Expanded Kasilof Sections of the Upper Subdistrict on Monday, July 30, 2012, from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Drift Gillnet Area 2 is described in 5 AAC 21.353 as those waters of the Central District enclosed by a line from 60° 20.43' N. lat., 151° 54.83' W. long. to a point at 60° 41.08' N. lat., 151° 39.00' W. long. to a point at 60° 41.08' N. lat., 151° 24.00' W. long. to a point at 60° 27.10' N. lat., 151° 25.70' W. long. to a point at 60° 20.43' N. lat., 151° 28.55' W. long (see maps on page 2 and 3 of this announcement).

Drifters are reminded that because setnetting is currently closed in the Upper Subdistrict, you may not fish any closer than one nautical mile of the mean high tide mark of the Kenai Peninsula shoreline north of the Kenai River and no closer than one and one-half nautical miles of the mean high tide mark of the Kenai Peninsula shoreline south of the Kenai River.

Fishing in Drift Gillnet Area 1 and Area 2 and the expanded corridor is intended to harvest Kenai and Kasilof river sockeye salmon stocks, while minimizing the harvest of northern-bound sockeye and coho salmon stocks.

The escapement rate of sockeye salmon into the Kenai and Kasilof Rivers is proceeding at a rate greater than that needed to assure optimum escapement levels. In order to reduce the rate of escapement, additional fishing time in the area described above is warranted.



Drift Gillnet Area 1 & Area 2 Descriptions

AREA 2 DESCRIPTION	COORDINATES
1. Southwest Corner	60° 20.43' N. lat., 151° 54.83' W. long.
2. Northwest Corner	60° 41.08' N. lat., 151° 39.00' W. long.
3. Northeast Corner	60° 41.08' N. lat., 151° 24.00' W. long.
4. Blanchard Line Corridor Boundary	60° 27.10' N. lat., 151° 25.70' W. long.
5. Southeast Corner	60° 20.43' N. lat., 151° 28.55' W. long.

